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SUBJ: US-USSR PNE BILATERALS AND IAEA MEETING

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION (REFTEL A, PARA 1), THE CONTEXT OF MENTIONING THE O'TOOLE INQUIRY WAS CONCERN THAT HE MIGHT LEARN OF PRESENCE OF USDEL IN VIENNA AND HENCE INQUIRE ABOUT BILATERALS. O'TOOLE ARTICLE IS CARRIED IN JANUARY 20 INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, REPRINTED FROM JANUARY 19 WASHINGTON POST.

2. INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL A, PARA 2, WERE CARRIED OUT AT IAEA RECEPTION LAST NIGHT , JANUARY 20, IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION BETWEEN FLEMING/MARCUM OF USDEL AND MYASNIKOV/ANTIASOV OF SOVDEL. SOVIETS WERE VERY DISTURBED OVER O'TOOLE ARTICLE IN VIEW OF ITS INACCURACIES AND POSSIBLE IMPACT ON OTHER DELEGATES AT IAEA TECHNICAL PNE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. TIMING WAS CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY BAD SINCE MYASNIKOV IS TO GIVE PAPER TODAY ON KAMA-PECHORA CANAL ROW-CHARGE EXPERIMENT. AS A RESULT, CONFIDENTIAL

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SOVIETS ASKED THAT WE NOW CONSIDER PUBLIC RELEASE OF

OUR PROPOSED RESPONSE TO INQUIRY SINCE THEY FELT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN PROVIDING A MORE BALANCED PERSPECTIVE ON THE NATURE OF US-USSR DISCUSSIONS ON PNE'S.

3. SOVIETS ALSO ASKED THAT WE RECONSIDER THEIR PORPOSED ADDITIONS TO RESPONSE OR PRESS RELEASE THAT FLEMING HAD OPPOSED IN EARLIER DISCUSSION AS REPORTED IN REFTEL

B. THEY STRESSED THAT THEY WERE QUITE FLEXIBLE ON SPECIFIC WORDING, BUT FEEL STRONGLY THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME REFERENCE, PERHAPS PREAMBULAR, TO NPT ARTICLE V AND TO LIKELIHOOD THAT US AND SOVIETS WOULD CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON PROGRESS IN PNE'S.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE ASAP ON POSSIBILITY OF PRESS RELEASE (PARA 2) AND SOVIET ADDITIONS TO TEXT (PARA 3).

5. IN JANUARY 20 MEETING OF THE IAEA TECHNICAL PNE COMMITTEE, THE US, USSR, FRANCE, FRG, CANADA, THAILAND, INDIA, MEXICO, AUSTRALIA AND SWEDEN PRESENTED OPENING STATEMENTS. SUMMARY OF THESE STATEMENTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WILSON (AUSTRALIA) NOTED THAT WHILE SEVERAL COUNTRIES--UK, FRG AND FRANCE--DID NOT FORESEE DOMESTIC PNE APPLICATIONS DUE TO THEIR HIGH POPULATION DENSITY, THERE APPEARED TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TWO POINTS: 1) MORE WORK MUST BE DONE BEFORE DEFINITIVE CONCLUSIONS CAN BE REACHED ON TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF PNE'S, AND 2) ALL STATEMENTS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO STUDY PNE'S AND ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF ANY POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALL COUNTRIES ON NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS.

6. OTHER THAN US AND USSR, IT APPEARS THAT ONLY FOUR COUNTRIES--THE UK, INDIA, THAILAND AND MEXICO--WILL PRESENT PAPERS DURING THESE MEETINGS. PORTER

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